

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 14, as reflected in the following marked-up version of the paragraph:

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In one embodiment, decision engine 148 is one that has been disclosed in U.S. Patent ~~Application Serial No. 09/607,444~~ 6,704,776 entitled "Selecting Attribute Based Content for Server Applications," which was filed on the same day as the present application and is incorporated herein by reference. As described in the foregoing patent ~~application~~, decision engine 148 selects appropriate content from content files 150 without receiving information specifying the decision criteria from server application 144. In other words, the decision criteria are abstracted from server application 144 and script 146 and are encapsulated in decision engine 148. In order to request a decision identifying the appropriate content, server application 144 merely requests decision engine 148 to identify the appropriate content without informing the decision engine of any decision criteria that are to be used to make the decision.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 22 of page 15, as reflected in the following marked-up version of the paragraph:

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As shown on Figure 3, decision engine 148 can identify values of attributes or properties associated with clients 100 by referring to attribute providers 152, which are any software module, database, or other source of information specifying the values of such attributes or properties. In this manner the developers or site administrators writing scripts 146 do not need to be concerned with identifying the values of the attributes associated with client 100 or with providing these values to decision engine 148. Further details regarding decision engine 148, content files 150, and attribute providers 152 according to one embodiment of the invention are disclosed in U.S. Patent ~~Application Serial No. 09/607,444~~ 6,704,776 entitled "Selecting Attribute Based Content for Server Applications," which has been incorporated herein by reference.

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